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WASHINGTON--THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE, CONTRARY TO PUBLISHED REPORTS, IS NOT INVESTIGATING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) AND DOES NOT PLAN TO DO SO, CHAIRMAN HOWARD W. SMITH, D-VA., SAID TODAY.

HOWEVER, IT APPEARED THAT A SUBCOMMITTEE HE NAMED YESTERDAY, TO CONSIDER WHETHER SUCH AN INVESTIGATION IS NEEDED AND IF SO TO RECOMMEND HOW IT SHOULD BE MADE, MAY ITSELF MAKE A FEW INQUIRIES OF THE AGENCY AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO REACH A DECISION.

REP. RAY J. MADDEN, D-IND., WAS NAMED SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. SMITH REFERRED TO THE FIVE-MAN SUBCOMMITTEE 13 RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY HOUSE MEMBERS PROPOSING A CIA INQUIRY IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. MADDEN SAID THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY WANT TO HEAR CIA DIRECTOR ALLEN W. DULLES AS PART OF ITS STUDY.

THE MOST COMMON PROPOSAL HAS BEEN TO CREATE A JOINT COMMITTEE OF HOUSE AND SENATE TO ACT AS A SORT OF WATCHDOG OVER THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER HEAVY FIRE RECENTLY FOR ITS ROLE IN THE ILL-FATED CUBAN INVASION.

A 14TH RESOLUTION, CALLING FOR CREATION OF A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND SECURITY PROCEDURES, ALSO WAS REFERRED TO THE MADDEN SUBCOMMITTEE. THE RULES GROUP HAS JURISDICTION OVER ALL SUCH RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING SPECIAL INQUIRIES BEYOND THOSE NORMALLY CARRIED ON BY THE OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES.

WHERE IT RECOMMENDS A SPECIAL HOUSE INQUIRY, THE HOUSE ITSELF ALSO MUST RATIFY THIS. IN EVENT A HOUSE-SENATE INQUIRY IS PROPOSED, BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE MUST CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION.

SMITH RECALLED THAT THE FULL COMMITTEE EARLIER HAD TABLED PENDING RESOLUTIONS TO SET UP THE CIA PROBE. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO RULES SINCE THE CUBAN INVASION FIASCO. BOTH OLD AND NEW RESOLUTIONS WENT TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR STUDY.

SMITH SAID PUBLIC PRESSURE FOR AN INQUIRY AGAIN IS MOUNTING PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT PLANS TO SWAP TRACTORS AND BULLDOZERS FOR CUBAN PRISONERS CAPTURED BY CASTRO IN THE INVASION ATTEMPT. SMITH SAID HIS OBSERVATION IS THAT THE TRADE IS NOT POPULAR WITH THE PUBLIC.

SMITH NAMED THE NEW SUBCOMMITTEE AFTER THE FULL COMMITTEE ITSELF HAD SPENT MANY HOURS LISTENING TO ARGUMENTS OF MEMBERS PRO AND AGAINST CREATION OF A HOUSE OR HOUSE-SENATE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CIA. HOUSE LEADERS OPPOSE THIS AS LIKELY TO LEAD TO LEAKS OF SECRET INFORMATION.

MADDEN WAS PICKED AS CHAIRMAN AFTER HE TOLD REP. WALTER ROGERS, D-TEX., AT A PUBLIC HEARING YESTERDAY HE FAVORED ROGERS' PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POLICIES IN HIRING AND ASSIGNING PERSONNEL.